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## New Jersey 2007 Apple and Peach Crop Forecasts

- **Apple** production is forecast at 42 million pounds, 3 million pounds less than last year. Despite favorable growing in early stage, extremely dry condition negatively affected apple size. Early varieties are being harvested in the southern portion of the state. Prospects for this year's crop are good.
- **Peach** production is forecast at 32,000 tons, unchanged from the July forecast. Many growers reported a large crop this season while others experienced significant fruit loss due to freezing temperatures in April. Recent conditions have been more favorable for peach crop. Fruit quality and size are rated good to excellent.

## Apple and Peach Production, August 1 Forecast

| Crop          | Units          | Final<br>2006 | - Total Production -     |                            |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|               |                |               | Forecast<br>July 1, 2007 | Forecast<br>August 1, 2007 |
| NEW JERSEY    |                |               |                          |                            |
| Apples        | Million Pounds | 45.0          | 1/                       | 42.0                       |
| Peaches       | Tons           | 34,000        | 32,000                   | 32,000                     |
| UNITED STATES |                |               |                          |                            |
| Apples        | Million Pounds | 9931.7        | 1/                       | 9284.7                     |
| Peaches       | Tons           | 1,010,120     | 1,026,845                | 1,026,945                  |

1/ First apple forecast is August 1.

## NEW JERSEY'S CORN CROP UP 14 PERCENT

- **Corn** production is forecast at 9.41 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year. Producers expect 112 bushels per acre for the 2007 crop. The state record yield per acre is 143 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year (1997-2006) state average yield is 105.1 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain, at 84,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2006.
- **Soybean** yield is forecast at 27 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from the previous year. The state record yield per acre is 42 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year average yield is 31.7 bushels. Production is expected to total 2.11 million bushels, down 30 percent from 2006. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 78,000 acres, 8,000 acres less than 2006.

## Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn and Soybeans, August 1 Forecast

| Crop                 | Acres Planted        |               | Acres for Harvest |               | Yield per Acre |               | Production           |               |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                      | 2006                 | Forecast 2007 | 2006              | Forecast 2007 | 2006           | Forecast 2007 | 2006                 | Forecast 2007 |
| <b>NEW JERSEY</b>    |                      |               |                   |               |                |               |                      |               |
|                      | ----- Thousand ----- |               |                   |               | - Bushels -    |               | - Thousand Bushels - |               |
| Corn for grain       | 80                   | 100           | 64                | 84            | 129.0          | 112.0         | 8,256                | 9,408         |
| Soybeans             | 88                   | 80            | 86                | 78            | 35.0           | 27.0          | 3,010                | 2,106         |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> |                      |               |                   |               |                |               |                      |               |
|                      | ----- Thousand ----- |               |                   |               | - Bushels -    |               | - Million Bushels -  |               |
| Corn for grain       | 78,327               | 92,888        | 70,648            | 85,418        | 149.1          | 152.8         | 10,534.9             | 13,053.6      |
| Soybeans             | 75,522               | 64,081        | 74,602            | 63,285        | 42.7           | 41.5          | 3,188.2              | 2,625.3       |

**Notes:** Forecasts in this report are based on conditions around August 1, 2007, and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time. The next crop production forecast will be released September 12, 2007.

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